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Impact of Hydro Power Projects on Flow of Rivers
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hydro power projects have adversely affected the flow of rivers in the entire country;
(b) if so, the details and extent thereof;
(c) whether irrigation problems have arisen and power crisis emerged as a result of the same; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) and (b) No, Madam. In the case of hydro-power projects, there is no consumptive use of water and the water diverted for hydro power generation is again released into the river after power generation. Therefore, the overall quantity of water in the river does not change.

(c) No such incidence has been reported so far.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply at (c)